

1 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

2
3 October 13, 2004

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6 Attended: Marvin Casebeer, Councilor
7 Mike Springer, Councilor
8 Anna Bass, Councilor
9 Jim Hamsher, Councilor
10 Roger McKinley, Councilor
11 Diane Clingman, City Recorder
12 Joe Hitz
13 Debbie Letosky
14 Vera Clark
15 Nadia Schultz
16 Jim Wood
17 Boyd Britton
18 Leonard Wolf

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20 Anna Bass called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The roll was called, Lance Delgado
21 & Karen Jacobs being absent. The pledge of allegiance was recited. The minutes of the
22 September 8 & September 22, 2004 meetings were considered. **MSP: To approve the**
23 **minutes of the September 8, 2004 meeting, Jim Hamsher/Marvin Casebeer. MSP:**
24 **To approve the minutes of the September 22, 2004 meeting, Marvin Casebeer/Mike**
25 **Springer. Jim Hamsher did not vote because he had not attended the meeting.**

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27 **It was moved and seconded to add the July 4 Promotional Contract to the agenda,**
28 **Mike Springer/Marvin Casebeer.**

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30 It was noted that Kathy Smith and Dennis Reynolds were not present. The council
31 recognized Boyd Britton and asked him if he was representing county court or addressing
32 them personally. He said both. He said he was at the meeting to ask the city to sign off
33 on the Murdoch and Paul Allen grants to renovate the depot building owned by the
34 county. The council reminded him that they had already discussed the issue at two prior
35 meetings and had decided not to serve as the applicant due to the wording in the
36 applications. He said the wording in the applications is that way because it is “shaky” to
37 use the RV Park funds as proposed. There were questions from the public as to why the
38 county voted to go forward with phase one of the project and now does not want to.
39 Britton said he was not speaking for the court, but would like to see the county have all
40 the funding in place for all phases before beginning the project. Leonard Wolf reminded
41 Britton that the depot building is the only county owned building with employees in it
42 that does not have heat. He also said the Prairie City people had come up with a way to
43 provide heat (phase one) but that the county had slammed the door on them. Britton
44 again said he would like to see all the money secured before beginning the project. There
45 was more discussion of the same and the council re-affirmed its position not to serve as

1 the applicant or to allow the use of the city's legal authority. After Britton left the
2 meeting, Nadia Schultz asked the council to consider moving the museum to another site
3 due to concerns over safety and fire hazard and the risk of losing the contents. The lack
4 of adequate ADA access was also discussed.

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6 Planning: No report

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8 Public Safety: Officer Wood reported that David Packard had been sworn in as a reserve
9 and the Leonard Coley would be sworn in when he could coordinate with the city
10 recorder. He recited the police log and also reported that the fire department had been
11 able to respond to the house fire within 7 minutes. He said 21 firefighters had responded
12 and that there were no injuries. He also said that OTEC does not have a lineman in Grant
13 County available to respond to fires so they had to wait for one to come from Burns.
14 There was mention that the department should be recognized for their efforts.

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16 Abatement: The council recognized the request from Cleo Larkin for more time to clean
17 up her property. The abatement committee said the property is still in the same condition
18 and that a nuisance still exists. It was agreed that the process should move forward as
19 outlined in the ordinance and that because the next meeting would not address regular
20 business, Ms. Larkin would be given additional time to clean up the property. **MSP: To**
21 **move forward with the abatement process and have the city recorder send another**
22 **letter giving Larkin 10 days to abate the property, Anna Bass/Mike Springer.**

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24 Landfill: No report

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26 Public Works: Bob Titus was not present, however, Joe Hitz said the water/sewer/street
27 project bids were to be opened on Tuesday the 19th.

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29 Well Drilling: Joe Hitz reported that the well had caved in at 580' and that the driller had
30 lost his bit. He said the state had videoed at 300' and found the water to be cloudy and
31 dirty with no movement. Pump tests will be performed at 100' increments until no more
32 water is found.

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34 Office: No bills were presented for payment.

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36 Property Development: There was discussion of whether or not signs are needed at the
37 Texaco parking lot to prohibit overnight camping and vehicles for sale. Concern was
38 raised over truckers not being able to park overnight and that additional signs would look
39 not look good. No decision was made, however, it was suggested that perhaps signs
40 could be posted in the windows of the building and that the police could use their
41 judgment in allowing certain types of parking.

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43 Resolutions/Ordinances: none

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45 7:30 p.m. Other Business: The proposal from Western Display Fireworks to commit to
46 purchasing fireworks over the next three years was considered. It was noted that there

1 would be no penalty in the event the city is not able to make a purchase. By agreeing the
2 city will receive 72 additional 2 ½” shells at no cost. **MSP: To sign the contract with**
3 **Western Display Fireworks, Jim Hamsher/Mike Springer.**

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5 The council was reminded that the school’s homecoming festivities would begin the next
6 week. The noise parade would follow the bonfire Thursday evening and the float parade
7 and pep rally would take place Friday at 2:30 in the city park.

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9 7:15 p.m. **MSP: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.**

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14 Diane Clingman, City Recorder

Approved this Date: _____

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17 Lance M. Delgado, Mayor